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1. Conditions for the Bulgarian grain crop have been excellent this year. The Soviet Union dispatched 500 combines for the harvest and, because of the lack of storage space, the grain is being stored in schools and cultural clubs in northern Bulgarian towns, including the villages of Lom, Oryakhovo, Byala Slatina, Pleven, Svishtov, Delene and Ruse.

2. Systematic sabotage of the harvest by the peasants has continued in all parts of the country and was instrumental in bringing about the replacement of Titko Chernokolev by Nikola Stoylov as Minister of Agriculture. Sabotage has been of different types: water is added to the grain before it is taken to be weighed, thereby permitting the farmer to retain a larger share; fields of cut wheat are set afire and at two kolkhozes at Ovchinojil (43 26 N - 25 16 E) and Kozalovets (43 31 N - 25 20 E) the entire crop was destroyed by fire; combines, thrashers and tractors are sabotaged in various ways by placing pieces of metal in the gears and through lack of maintenance. At the Stalin Tractor Repair Station, located in the town of Oryakhovo, new tractors often require extensive repairs after only one week's use.

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